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OVERVIEW

Billy Chen is a partner and he has extensive experience representing clients across a wide range of matters, bringing a practical, results-driven approach to complex matters.

Mergers and Acquisitions - Advising clients on corporate governance as well as commercial and corporate finance transactions including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, public offerings and private placements, structuring start-up companies, and drafting commercial contracts

Startups and Venture Capital - Advising clients on business structuring and fundraising, including seed and growth equity financings, investments, as well as secondary transactions and exits

Capital Markets - Advising a broad range of capital markets transactions, including equity and debt offerings, regulatory compliance, and ongoing disclosure obligations

Investment Management and Finance - Advising clients on the formation, structuring, and fundraising of their businesses, counseling fund managers on the regulatory aspects of their businesses and operations, counseling issuers/arrangers on structured products

International Trade - Handling US Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) investigations matters as well as US export-import compliance and trade dispute matters

Antitrust, Competition and Trade Regulation - Assisting clients in witness preparation, advising them on the discovery procedure and dispositions relating to the investigations initiated by the United States Department of Justice (U.S. DOJ) and the European Commission (EC) as well as in class action suits against certain Taiwan manufacturers

Procurement Projects - Drafting and advising clients on urban redevelopment project guidelines and Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) contracts

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Billy practiced in Michigan, where he focused on corporate, civil, and criminal law. He also served as corporate counsel to companies in Taiwan and China.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *Chambers Greater China Region* for Corporate/M&A and Capital Markets in Taiwan, 2025-2026
- Recognized by *Chambers Global* in Taiwan, 2025-2026
  - Corporate/M&A
  - Capital Markets
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- Recognized by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* in Taiwan
  - Next Generation Partner for Corporate and M&A, 2019-2026
  - Leading Partner for Capital Markets, 2025-2026
- Recognized by *The Legal 500 Green Guide: Asia Pacific* with an Individual Spotlight in Taiwan, 2024
- Named to The A-List: Taiwan's Top Lawyers, *Asia Business Law Journal*, 2019, 2022-2025

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Legal Pathways for Taiwanese Health Tech Companies Entering the U.S.", 2026 SelectUSA Health Tech Industry, Seminar, K&L Gates and American Institute in Taiwan, 29 January 2026
- Speaker, "U.S. Site Location Strategies: Utilities, Labor, Infrastructure, Costs, Power, Conversion, and Incentives", Strategic Investment Pathways: Taiwan's Role in the Changing U.S. Market, Co-Hosted Seminar, K&L Gates and American Institute in Taiwan, 19 September 2025
- Panelist, "Alpha to Omega — Beyond Taiwan to Southeast Asia", What You Need to Know in 2023 and Beyond About Legal Challenges & Strategy for Outbound Investment, Seminar, K&L Gates, 19 September 2023
- “Issues of Offshore Wind Power Generation: Key Issues for Offshore Wind Power”, Japan Overseas Institute, Tokyo, September 2018

EDUCATION

- J.D., Thomas M. Cooley Law School
- LL.M., Soochow University
- M.S., Florida State University
- B.A., National Taipei University

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia
- Bar of Michigan
- United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Taiwanese
- English

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 18 June 2024, June 2024 Accolades

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Taiwan's solar-powered fishery project," *Asia Business Law Journal,* 28 December 2022

NEWS & EVENTS

- 14 September 2026, K&L Gates Advises MediaTek on US$3.9 Billion Convertible Bond Offering
- 24 August 2026, K&L Gates Advises Silicon Motion on US$1.15 Billion Convertible Senior Notes Offering
- 21 August 2026, K&L Gates Advises J&V Energy on Acquisition of 187 MW Taiwan Solar Portfolio
- 18 June 2026, K&L Gates Advises StemCyte on US$14 Million IPO on Taiwan Stock Exchange
- 12 February 2026, *Chambers Global* 2026 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 15 January 2026, *Chambers Greater China Region* 2026 Guide Recognizes K&L Gates
- 19 September 2025, Strategic Investment Pathways: Taiwan's Role in the Changing US Market
- 13 February 2025, *Chambers Global* 2025 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 16 January 2025, *Chambers Greater China Region* 2025 Guide Recognizes K&L Gates
- 15 January 2025, The Legal 500 Recognises K&L Gates In 2025 Asia Pacific Edition
- 17 January 2024, The Legal 500 Recognises K&L Gates in 2024 Asia Pacific Edition

- 3 October 2023, K&L Gates Advises Live-Streaming Platform 17LIVE on Landmark De-SPAC Business Combination in Singapore
- 16 January 2023, The Legal 500 Recognizes K&L Gates in 2023 Asia Pacific Edition
- 11 May 2022, K&L Gates Advises Silicon Motion Technology Corporation on US$3.8 Billion Cross-Border Take-Private Acquisition by MaxLinear, Inc.
- 8 April 2022, Three Taipei Partners Recognized Among Asia Business Law Journal's A-List
- 13 January 2022, Legal 500 Recognizes K&L Gates in 2022 Asia Pacific Guide
- 29 December 2021 , K&L Gates Advises Gorilla Technology Group Inc. on Proposed Merger With Global SPAC Partners Co.
- 22 February 2021, K&L Gates Advises CML Microsystems PLC on sale of Hyperstone

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "K&L Gates Guides First Ever De-Spac Merger on SGX," *Asian Legal Business*, 16 October 2023

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Antitrust and Competition
- Capital Markets
- Technology Transactions and Sourcing
- International Trade, Investment Controls, and National Security
- Public Companies

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Life Sciences
- Renewables
- Technology

EMERGING ISSUES

- Artificial Intelligence (AI)

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented Pine Wind Power Co., Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Taiwan-based renewable energy developer J&V Energy Technology Co Ltd (TWSE: 6869), in its acquisition of 100% of the shares in Zhao Young Co., Ltd from GRP II Taiwan UK Limited, a fund managed by Global Infrastructure Partners.
- Served as issuer's counsel to StemCyte International, Ltd. (TPEX: 4178), a leading regenerative cell therapy company, in its initial public offering and primary listing on the Taiwan Stock Exchange.